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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

Independent claims 11, 14, 16, 18 and 20 have been amended to clarify that the printing machine acquires an e-mail address of the terminal device, generates a temporary address of the server, and transmits an e-mail, which includes the generated temporary address to the acquired e-mail address. Independent claim 15, moreover, has been amended to clarify that the address of the server is a temporary address. See, for example, Fig. 18 and the corresponding disclosure in the specification with respect to the amendments to the independent claims.

The claims have also been amended to make some minor grammatical improvements and to correct some minor antecedent basis problems so as to put them in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that the amended claims fully comply with the requirements of 35 USC 112, and it

is respectfully requested that the rejection thereunder be withdrawn.

RE: NON-ELECTED CLAIMS

Non-elected claims 1-10, 17 and 19, which have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner, have been canceled. A Divisional application directed to these claims will be filed in due course.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 11, 14-16, 18 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by USP 7,197,531 ("Anderson"), and claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of Anderson and US 2002/0032909 ("Shiota et al"). These rejections, however, are respectfully traversed with respect to the claims as amended hereinabove.

With the structure of the present invention as recited in, for example, amended independent claim 11, a user may input an e-mail address of a terminal device, such as a mobile phone, by operating a printing machine such as a printing automatic vending machine. The printing machine generates an address (URL) for accessing a server and transmits an e-mail message including the URL to a mobile phone.

Unlike a normal stationary URL, the address generated according to claim 11 (and the temporary address recited in each of independent claims 14, 15, 16, 18 and 20 as well), is an address for indicating an area which is secured for temporarily storing image data at a server. Therefore, this is an address to be temporarily setup every time the system is utilized. Thus, the terminal device, such as a mobile phone, uploads image data to a server by accessing the temporary URL.

Thus, the present invention as recited in amended independent claim 1, for example, is capable of transmitting image data (photo data) stored in a mobile phone to a server, by operating a printing machine contingently chosen by a user (e.g., from various printing machines at various locations around a city).

That is, according to claim 1, for example, the printing machine acquires an e-mail address of the mobile phone (for example) and transmits an e-mail message to the mobile phone, and a URL (for example) for accessing a server and for uploading image data is included in the email. The URL is a temporary address (issued every time a user utilizes a printing machine).

The server stores the image data in a storage domain indicated by the URL, when image data is uploaded from a mobile phone accessing the URL. Thus, even if the same user (terminal device, for example, mobile phone) accesses different printing

machines at different times, different temporary addresses will be issued for the different accesses, and the image data transmitted from the mobile phone will be stored at different locations corresponding to the different temporary addresses of the server.

On the other hand, if the URL were a predetermined fixed URL, the URL needs to be stated as a description or the like of a printing machine or be notified to a user in advance. By contrast, with the structure of the present invention, the URL is not merely employed for accessing a server, but for indicating a storage domain to store image data as well. For example, with the structure of the present invention a mobile phone having a JAVA application program installed may automatically upload image data to a server upon receipt of an e-mail including a URL indicating a location of the server to be accessed to store the image data, and the image data may be forwarded to a printing machine to be printed. Thus, the present invention is capable of providing a user with an easy printing service in which merely inputting an e-mail address of a mobile phone to a printing machine results in image data automatically being uploaded to a server from the mobile phone and forwarded to the printing machine from a server.

Moreover, the present invention does not require the user to search for a URL of a server or to memorize such a URL in

advance, and the user may utilize a printing machine regardless of location to obtain the same printing service.

It is respectfully submitted, by contrast, that Anderson merely discloses direct transmission/reception of data between a terminal (client device 12) and a server (gateway server 20). It is respectfully submitted that Anderson does not disclose, teach or suggest the structural features or advantageous effects of the present invention as recited in each of independent claims 11, 14-16, 18 and 20.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that Shiota et al, which was cited with respect to claims 12 and 13, also merely discloses directly uploading image data to a server from a terminal such as a mobile phone.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 11, 14-16, 18 and 20 and claims 12 and 13 depending from claim 11 clearly patentably distinguish over Anderson and Shiota et al, taken singly or in combination, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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